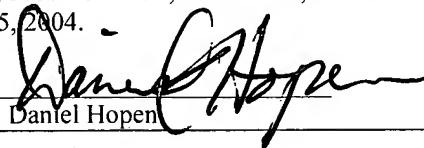


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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.